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Title: **METHOD FOR AMPLIFYING SEQUENCES FROM UNKNOWN DNA**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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To the Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action for one (1) month from April 13, 2004, to May 13, 2004. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$55 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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